GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS BY PAK
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any information to the effect that under international pressure Pakistan is now planning to raise such terrorist organisations whose base will be in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any concrete steps to prevent this action of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(d) There are some reports that Pakistan based terrorist groups such as the Lashkar e Toiba, Harkat ul Mujahideen, Jaish e Muhammed and Al Badr that have close links with Pakistan`s intelligence agencies, are making attempts to recruit new members from amongst the people of Jammu & Kashmir. This is to lend credence to Pakistan`s international propaganda that terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir is an indigenous movement. The international community, however, openly acknowledges Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, as also its sponsorship of groups propagating obscurantist and violent ideologies.
The true complexion of the forces of terrorism and separatism in Jammu & Kashmir, and their isolation from the people of the State is more evident than ever before. Government are firmly resolved to defeat Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism and will continue to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.